

REPORT
OF THE
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
OF THE
TOWN OF ENFIELD,
AND THE REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 13, 1860.

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ACCOUNTS.

We, as auditors for the Town of Enfield, for the year ending Feb. 25, 1860, have attended to the duties assigned us, and submit the following

REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows :

Received of the Town Treasurer	247 85
Note by C. Houston and others	350 00
E. H. Blish, Note	7 50
E. Austin paid poll-tax abt. 1858	1 68
Town Funds of G. W. Johnson as liquor-agent	54 05
do. E. C. Chandler do.	24 26
Whole amount of Tax Bill Resident and Non Resident	3783 61
State Literary Fund	105 84
Lebanon Bank on Note	400 00
John Johnson on Note	100 00
Horace Atwell on Notes	400 00
State R. R. Tax	140 09
G. W. Johnson, profits on liquor	25 28
E. C. Chandler, do.	51 36
	\$5691 22

The Selectmen discharge themselves as follows :

Paid State Tax,			\$319 90
County do.			509 97
Dist. No.	P. S. Committees.	No. of Scholars.	Amount.
No. 1.	Wm. L. Harris.	119	219 64
2.	H. Huse.	29	73 83
3.	H. B. Jones.	18	60 85
4.	Geo. W. Currier.	28	72 65
5.	Moses S. Choate.	26	70 29
6.	Charles Bucklin.	15	57 31
7.	Roswell Gage.	21	64 39
8.	Samuel Choate.	11	52 59
9.	W. W. Smith.	34	79 73
10.	James A. Little.	39	85 63
11.	J. S. Huntress.	67	118 67
12.	Leonard Woodbury.	33	78 55

13.	C. M. Dyer.	69	121 08
14.	E. W. Gove.	8	49 05
15.	James Warthen.	34	79 73
16.	Benj. Choate.	15	57 31
17.	Lewis M. Newell.	33	78 55
18.	Geo. W. Thurston.	40	86 81
		<hr/> 639	<hr/> \$1506 61

Building Roads as follows :

Paid Richard Goss, Shedd road, so called	\$58 08
Amos French, N. Currier "	251 25
Ichabod Heath, N. S. Dustin "	30 00
C. M. Dyer, bridge near Cambridge & Huse	121 00
L. Day, H. Stickney	30 00
	<hr/> \$490 33

Repairing Roads as follows :

Paid William Huse, timber and plank	107 64
S. R. Godfrey, work on bridge	12 59
F. C. Jenne, for timber	36 84
D. Currier, work on bridge, spikes and bolts	29 39
J. C. Bean, work on bridge	1 75
Lewis Choate, work on bridge	6 25
Richard Goss, plank and work	9 95
Perley & Pattee do.	6 16
G. W. Clark for lumber	1 54
Pattee & Morgan, spikes and nails	2 81
Ira B. Fogg, work	1 00
M. Bryant, work on bridge	3 00
J. W. Johnson, work on road	4 76
Roswell Gage for plank	10 45
N. Purmort do.	1 00
D. B. Gage do.	12 39
James Currier, work on road	1 00
B. F. Leach, work and plank	5 35
James Worthen, do.	8 09
Rowell Colby, do.	4 00
William Washburn, do.	1 80
John C. Clough, plank	6 50
N. E. Huntoon, work on road	7 32
Austin Bronson, plank and work	40 00
H. B. Jones, plank and timber	4 45
	<hr/> \$326 03

Breaking Roads.

Paid N. Purmort	\$4 75
H. B. Jones	2 75
Rowell Colby	2 00
Roswell Gage	6 75

Calvin Gage	8 20
Converse Goodhue, 2d	9 55
J. M. Floyd	3 65
Mark P. Burnham	8 00
B. W. Clough	4 10
E. F. Foster	2 25
	<hr/> \$52 00

Land Damages.

Paid C. M. Dyer and others	\$4 00
Caleb Seaver	20 00
	<hr/> \$24 00

Damage of insufficiency of Roads.

Paid E. A. Gage, damage on sleigh, 1856	\$5 00
J. P. Carr, damage horse and wagon	6 00
B. W. Clough, damage on wagon-spring	2 00
J. S. Huntress, damage on sleigh	1 00
James Worthen on wagon	50
	<hr/> \$14 50

Town House.

Paid M. Bryant, work	\$1 75
D. B. Gage for underpinning	35 00
G. W. Johnson, work	50
Theo. Green, work	1 00
J. P. Carr, timber and work	14 04
L. Day, painting	75 00
S. W. Packard, work	1 00
J. F. Bryant & Co. for zinc, &c.	1 25
J. F. Bryant for building addition	182 50
R. H. Van Buskirk, stove and pipe	12 88
J. W. Johnson for land and recording deed	25 38
do. foundation and grading	15 00
	<hr/> \$365 30

Miscellaneous.

Paid C. Goodhue abatement on taxes, 1856	3 50
Thos. J. Colby on money, .87. Interest, .16.	
Lewis Cogswell, poll tax, 2.09, int. .38.	
J. W. Johnson, abatement of taxes, 1858	11 51
Samuel Page, poll tax, \$1.68; J. M. Pattee, bank stock, 4.20; Artemas Keith, poll tax, 1.68; interest on whole, .45; J. E. Sargent, over tax, \$1.23; J. H. Purmont, do. .65; T. W. Butman, \$1.68	
J. W. Johnson, abatements in 1859	29 42
Mark Andrews, .20; T. Barron, 1.56; John Bowen, 1.56; Daniel Carlton, 1.56; J. M. Cate, 1.56; Chas Donaly, 1.56; Thos. Foley, 1.56; John Harwood, 1.56; Wm. Joyce, 1.56; James Johnson,	

1.56; J. B. Kenney, 1.56; Elijah Manchester, 1.56;
 Thos. Mac Nabb, 1.56; Samuel Page, 2.54; Chas.
 Rice, 1.56; J. L. Preffren, 2.05; C. C. Webster, Jr.
 1.56; Isaac Babbitt, 2.45; Hiram Truell, .34.

Harrison Pillsbury, non-resident tax worked out	1 67
Simon Harton, abatement on cow	21
B. F. Skinner, services as Supt. School Committee	50 00
M. Bryant, services as Selectman	65 50
D. Currier, do.	49 26
A. French, do.	51 00
J. W. Johnson, Collector	50 00
J. F. Bryant, bill as Town Clerk	15 24
J. W. Patterson, School Commissioner	18 27
David Kimball for printing 400 reports	18 00
J. A. Merriam for books and blanks	2 58
H. Harris, error on settlement as agent in 1858	10 49
Postage and stationery	1 75
M. Bryant, services as treasurer	7 00
do. paid out doing town business	3 61
Leonard Woodbury for wood for town-house	1 25
H. H. Scribner, washing town-house	2 00
J. Kittridge for counsel on McConnell	2 00
G. W. Clark for 100 lbs. meal	1 85
J. F. Pattee on reports, 1858	2 00
Edward Story, repairing town book-case	3 50
Uri Perley, interest on note	60 00
Samuel Davis, Jr., taking depositions on Mrs. Lisle's case	5 01
A. French, summons and paying witness' fees	4 28
J. F. Bryant, taking depositions, Mrs. Windship	4 40
M. Bryant, paying witness' fees, Mrs. Windship's case	5 90
J. F. Bryant, use of hall & stationery for taking depositions	1 50
M. Bryant, paid interest Lebanon Bank	12 52
William C. Smith, service	2 00
J. F. Bryant, use of hall and stationery for selectmen	
and auditors	1 00
B. F. Burnham, services as auditor	4 00
G. W. Johnson, do.	4 00
R. P. Clough, do.	4 00
do. for services on 1858 report	3 00
Overseer of Poor	659 23
Lebanon Bank, note and interest	403 25
Due on C. Houston Note and others	350 00
Balance due on E. H. Blish note	7 50
Town funds in liquor agent's hands	74 95
G. W. Johnson	\$42 59
E. C. Chandler	32 36—74 95
	\$2008 21

The above two notes are included in the reconing on the first page of this report. Also the town funds in the liquor agent's hands.

Total, \$5616 85

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	74 40
	<u>\$5691 22</u>
Amount of credit brought from page 1	\$5691 22

Present Liabilities of the Town.

Uri Perley's note	1000 00
Mary Emerson's note and interest	205 58
John Johnson's do. do.	314 60
Horace Atwell's do. do.	407 00
Samuel Choate on road damage not paid (awarded in 1858)	160 00
H. W. Hardy, work on farm	136 00
	<u>\$2222 18</u>
Liabilities,	

Available Funds.

Note against C. Houston and others, with interest	\$371 00
do. E. H. Blish do.	9 80
Due from County for County Paupers	318 15
Funds in Liquor Agent's hands	86 95
G. W. Johnson, \$48.59; E. C. Chandler, 38.36.	
Cash in Treasurer's hands	74 37
	<u>\$860 27</u>
Available funds,	
Total liabilities above availabilities, Feb. 25, 1860,	1361 91
Liabilities as per report last year,	\$635 34
Liabilities more this year than last,	726 57

OVERSEER'S REPORT.

The Overseer charges himself as follows :

Received of the County	\$197 36
J. W. Johnson, 2 pelts, 2; 114 lbs. wool, 51.30;	
6 $\frac{3}{4}$ cords wood, 12.50; 1 sheep, 1.50; 1 day's	
work, 1; Hardy's working tax, 3.76	72 06
R. Kidder, 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ bush. wheat	2 00
J. Loverin, 1 do.	2 00
for 1 yoke oxen	145 00
Town of Lebanon	42 19
J. F. Bryant & Co., cheese, calf-skin and veal,	
13.37; 1 doz. socks. 2; 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. butter, 17.50;	
12 bush. oats, 6; 120 lbs. beef, 6.60; 71 hide,	
4.61; 43 do. chickens, 4.30; Hardy working	
tax, 2.70; 3 cords wood, 6; 1 pelt, .67	50 38
Pattee & Morgan, 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. veal, 3.23; 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	
butter, .85; 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ do. spare rib, 1	5 08
7 cords of wood for Welch	10 50
Theo. Green, 10 lbs. cheese	1 00
M. Bryant, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cords wood	1 88
do. 25 lbs. veal, 1.25; 57 do. butter, 11.40, 12 65	

C. C. Dodge, $\frac{7}{8}$ cord wood	1 75
Smith Marston, pasturing oxen	8 75
do. oxen work with Hardy	2 25
E. F. Kidder, 1 cord wood	2 00
D. Currier, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. cheese	1 55
E. Story for Hardy working tax	2 78
Theo. Goodhue for 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. cheese	1 75
do. 4 lambs, 2; Hardy work, 2.50,	4 50
G. W. Johnson, working-tax	1 81
M. T. Purmort, work	50
E. B. Shattuck, 15 lbs. cheese	1 50
S. C. Clow, highway tax	40
Amos French, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. cheese	2 85
pasturing sheep	9 25
A. C. Fifield, pasturing	1 14
Cash of Selectmen	659 23
Town of Plainfield	16 34
	<u>\$1268 83</u>

Overseer discharges himself as follows :

Paid J. H. Stevens	\$34 00
R. H. Van Buskirk, 1 dinner-pot	95
M. Purmort, 1 cow	22 00
B. P. Nichols, oxen	115 00
C. Booth, plow-point and standard freight	1 75
	10
G. W. Clark, 100 lbs. meal	2 12
J. W. Johnson, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. oats	2 50
E. Tucker, two pigs	6 50
J. P. Carr, 120 lbs. cart-tyre	3 60
do. freight	1 39
do. 1 oven-mouth	2 00
Theo. Green, repairing oven-mouth	50
Balance due Sarah Goodhue	3 58
G. W. Clark, 1 bbl. flour, 7.25; 100 lbs. meal, 2	9 25
Ichabod Heath, 2 days work on farm	1 67
Theo. Green, plastering	75
M. Bryant, expenses getting County claims	7 50
do. do. on pauper business	3 80
M. Purmort, 1 bbl. flour, 9; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. salt, .90; $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. grass-seed, 1.50; team to Croydon for Eastman girl, 2; 6 tin-pans, 1.62, 2 papers garden-seeds, .10; 1 large rake, .88; 1 bag flour, 1.75; 380 lbs. meal. 8.57,	17 32
J. Andrews, mending shoes	1 05
M. Bryant, 3 bush. potatoes, .75; H. Thatcher for work in 1858, .67; 10 days work haying, 13.33; 1 day at farm, .92; 1 bag meal, 2.25; paid Ward for beef, .53,	18 47
T. J. Colby, making cider	20
H. W. Hardy on his services	5 06
M. Bryant, services as overseer on farm	11 00

County and poor not on farm	15 14
Peter and Frank Paul for chopping 17½ cords wood	4 75
M. Bryant for 1 bbl. flour	7 00
H. Truell for 1 ox-sled	3 00
C. C. Dodge, repairing cart-wheel	1 50
E. Story, 1 coffin, 6; 1 cap and robe, 2	8 00
Jas. Edwards for hay	5 58
Stationery and Postage	1 50
Frances Bucklin for 5 weeks nursing C. Choate	7 09
G. W. Johnson for liquor on farm	59
do. to Lyme on Foxes' residence	1 70
do. team to farm twice	59
Theo. Goodhue, damage to cattle on farm	3 00
Amos B. Proctor for shoeing oxen	3 43
E. Shattuck for filing two saws	50
Sarah Goodhue for one days work on farm	1 50
S. C. Clow for blacksmithing	92
G. W. Clark for meal	8 43
A. C. Fifield for use of bull	50
Johnson & Fifield for thrashing	2 50
Amos French, work on farm	2 00
do. for self and team for moving Bosworth	2 00
do. buying oxen for farm, \$1; to half day at town farm and dressing calf, .75; to hiring man on farm and carrying woman to farm, 1.50; to farm, .50; to G. Atwell's on pauper case, .75; to farm, .50; pauper case, .50; to farm and Bosworth, .50; to G. Atwell's on pauper case, .75; to Grafton on Sanborn pauper case, 2 75; to self and team to carrying L. Sanborn to farm, .75; to N. Enf on pauper case, .75; to looking up buck for farm, .25; to Whittemore on pauper case, .75,	14 50
S. C. Clow, mending chain, .25; repairing cart wheel, 2.25; mending chain, .25	2 75
Pattee & Morgan, 2 lbs. tea, 1; 4 do. saleratus, .24; 10 do sugar, .90; 2 do. coffee, .26; 10 gal. molasses, 3 50; 2 lbs. coffee, .25; 2 do. tea, 1; 4 do. saleratus, .24; 8 gal. molasses, 3.20; 20 lbs. sugar, 1.90	12 49
J. F. Bryant & Co. 11 lb. tobacco, 2.67; 8¾ do. tea, 4.38; 74 do. sugar, 6 73; 3 do. coffee, .39; 5 do. saleratus, .34; 1 1-2 bush. salt, .80; 3 bags do. .61; 16 gal. molasses, 5.72; thread, .32; spices, .73; 36 3-4 lbs. C. Fish, 1.85; 2 bbls. flour, 14.17; 1 bag do. 2.13; crackers, .86; 1 cr. tartar, .40; 9 lbs. nails, .42; 2 prs. mittins, .88; 1 sett cups and saucers, .25; 1 cream-pot, .50; 1 pr. c. shoes, 1 17; 1 paper tacks, .06; 1 memorandum, .08; mortar, .63; yellow snuff, .06; 1 ball twine, .08; 1-2 lb. ginger, .06; 1 tunnell, .13; paid G. Flanders for butchering, .50; 1-4 lb. sage, .08; 1 qt. oil, .25; 1-4 summer savory, .10; 3 1-2 yds. denims, .44; 1 broom, .25; 1 whip-stock, .10; 1-4 gross matches, .12; 1 comb, .12; 41 yds. sheeting, 3.49; 1 oz. camphor, .05; 1 file, .10; 1 lb. raisins, .13; paper needles, .05; 1 lb. wicking, .25; 1 ax-halve, .10; coffee-pot, .37; 1-2 lb. cassia, .24; 1 shoeing-brush, .10; 1 butter-tub, .33; 2 chambers, .70; 1 tin dipper, .15; pipe, .02; sugar of lead, .08; 1 broom, .25; 1 1-2 yd. bed-tick, .25; 1 C. card, .08; 1 pr. shoes, 1.17; 1 whip-lash, .12; 6 lbs. C. seed, .84; 2 paper garden-seed, .10; 1 bottle paregoric, .12; 3 yds. drilling, .45; 1 hose, .58; 2 lbs. rice, .12;	

1 ball twine, .08; paid B. Talbert for work on farm, 1; garden-seeds, .05; comb, .08; 1 bottle peppermint, .10; butter-tub, .33; cheese do. .92; 2 qt tar, .17; 1 1-2 lb. twine, .30; 1 file, .10; 1 yd. sheeting, .09; 1-4 gr matches, .12; stone pot, .25; 2 rakes, .44; 1 rifle, .06; olive plaster, .10; 1 broom, .25

Whole expense of poor on farm 63 25
\$453 12

Paid for Poor not on Farm.

Paid John Babbit for support of Stephen Smith child 25 00

For Thomas Whittemore.

John A. Martin, board and lodging for Whittemore, 1;
do. for Hardy, Fuller and Edwards, 1; room-rent, 1, 3 00
John C. Fuller for going after Whittemore keeper over him 2 25
William Gage two days time to Concord, 2; expenses, 5.53, 7 53
J. F. Bryant time and expenses taking Whittemore to
hospital 9 57
T. T. Hadley for taking care of Whittemore one night 1 25
Jas. Edwards for help taking Whittemore 50
Denson Currier expense to Concord for Whittemore 6 00
W. P. Sanborn for taking care Whittemore 2 50
N. H. Asylum for board and expenses 97 07
A. French, Whittemore's fare from Concord 2 10
\$131 77

For Leander Talbert.

Paid J. P. Carr for carrying Talbert W. R. Junction \$2 00
Leander Talbert's expenses to Rutland, Vt. 20 00
board at Rutland 8 weeks 32 00
for operation on arm and taking care of same 8 weeks 100 00
\$154 00

For Irena Heath's child.

Paid David Heath for boarding child of Irena Heath \$21 84
J. F. Bryant & Co., 1 bottle sarsaparilla 1 00
\$22 84

For A. Bosworth.

Paid E. F. Kidder for boarding Bosworth 11 weeks, at \$2 22 00
do. do. do. 2 do. \$2.50 5 00
do. — do. do. 8 do. \$3 24 00
do. making shirts 50
Philip Church for boarding Bosworth and sundries 17 07
Bosworth, by order of Selectmen 6 00
for medicine 1 15
G. W. Johnson for rum 81
E. C. Chandler for medicine 2 65
B. F. Skinner for visits and medicine 10 15
J. F. Bryant & Co., tobacco, .40; soap, .21; rags, .18;
1 pr. pants, 1.75; 1 piece cloth, .08; 7 yds. C. Flannel, .77; 1
pt. spt. turpentine, .05; 1 spool thread, .05; 1 pr. socks, .33;
epsom salts, .06; gum aloes, .02; gingham hdkf. .13; epsom salts,
.05; sweet oil, .25 4 33
\$93 66

For W. Welch.

Paid J. F. Bryant & Co., 64½ lbs. butter, 12.88; 6 bags flour, 12 65; 4 lbs. tea, 2; 20 lbs. sugar, 1.73; 12 do. pork, 1.61; beans, 1.53; 16 1-4 lbs. fish, .88; 37 do. veal, 1.98; 6 3-4 do. cheese, .69; 37 1-2 do ham, 4.21; 50 do. beef, 2.89; 2 do. candles, .30; 1 coat, 5; 1-4 lb. pepper, .04; 4 pt. salt, .07; 1 hd tobacco, .08; 1 pt. oil, .25; 3 lbs. dried apple, .30; 1 qt. oil, .25; ash timber, .40; 1 saw tile, .10; 1-2 oz. thread, .04; 1 pt. oil, .25; 1 lb. candles, .15; tobacco, .18; 1 pt. molasses, .19; 1 qt. oil, .13; 2 lbs. rice, .13; 3 doz. crackers, .18 50 64

M. Bryant, 4¼ lb. butter .85, 14½ lbs. spare rib \$1, 7
cords 3 feet wood 10 50 12 35

Amos French, 3¾ cords wood 7.50, 1½ do. 3 ft. do. 1.69,
1½ do. polar do. 2, Ichabod Heath for ash timber .40 11 59

For Hannah Annis. 74 58

Paid Edward Story for house-rent and wood 8 00

J. F. Bryant & Co., 1 bag flour 2 10

J. W. Johnson, house-rent and room 12 00

\$22 10

Paid D. R. Hall for boarding Adlaide Eastman 4 08

Whole expense of Poor not on farm 528 03

Bills for County Paupers as follows:

For Joseph Huse.

Paid D. Currier's bill, \$65.57; E. Story, 7, 72 57

For Martin Fox.

M. Bryant's bill, 27.94; G. W. Clark, 5.12; J. F.
Bryant & Co., 6.02; Amos French, 2.55, 41 63

For G. W. Fisher.

Theo. Clough, 31.16; Lucy Fuller, .75; M. Bryant,
5.55; J. F. Bryant, 14.77 52 23

For Quincy Sanborn.

T. Manchester, 15; B. F. Skinner, 26.33; G. W.
Johnson, 5.07; J. F. Bryant & Co. 1.60 48 00

For J. Huntress.

J. F. Bryant & Co. 7.97; J. H. Stevens, .75 8 72

For Transient Paupers.

Amos French, 3.25; D. Currier, 2.25; M. Bryant, .50 6 00

Whole expense of County Paupers 229 15

Bills of Poor of other Towns as follows:

For Mrs. Maxwell's family for Lebanon

Paid M. Bryant's bill, 16.11; J. F. Bryant & Co. 5.06;
M. Purmort, 14.48; G. W. Clark, 6.54 42 19

Town of Plainfield for C. D. Banks.

M. Bryant. 8.34; Dr. Skinner, 5; A. French, 3 16 34

Whole amount paid for other towns 58 53

Recapitulation.

Dr.

Expense of Poor on Town Farm \$453 12

do. not on Town Farm 528 03

Paid out for County Paupers 229 15

do. other Towns 58 53

\$1268 83

	<i>Contra.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Received from the County		197 36
Town of Plainfield		16 34
Cash of the Selectmen		659 23
Town of Lebanon		42 19
Town Farm		353 71
		<hr/> \$1268 83
Bills paid for Poor on Town Farm		\$453 12
Balance due Hardy services		136 00
		<hr/> \$589 12
Due from County for board of County Paupers at the Town Farm		89 00
Amount sold of Town Farm		353 71
Increase of Invoice on Town Farm		23 68
		<hr/> \$466 39
Cost of Poor on Farm more than income		122 73
Cost of Poor on Farm less this year than last		\$132 20

The board has been less this year than last by five months of one person of town paupers. There are now five paupers on Farm, and one has died the past year. One county pauper has left, also two of the town's.

*Invoice of Property on the Town Farm, made by the
Selectmen, Feb. 11, 1860.*

1 yoke of oxen \$135, 4 cows 105, 35 sheep 95, 14 hens 4 67, 2 shoats 22, 11 tons hay 132, 1 do. straw 5, 1 cart and fixtures 20, 1 wind-mill 6, 3 plows 8, 1 harrow 3, 1 grind-stone 2 50, 65 bush. potatoes 21 67, 200 lbs. pork 25, 80 do. ham 10, 140 do. beef 11 20, 2 gal. boiled cider 2, lot of soap grease 3 50, 2-3 bbl. soap 3, 2-3 do. cider 3, 6 lbs. sausages 1, 40 do. lard 5 60, 6 do. tallow 66, 50 do. candles 7, 35 dried apple 4 25, 1 bush. apples 50, 1 bbl. flour 7, 25 lbs. do. 90, 12 bush. wheat 18, 100 lbs. rye meal 2, 100 do. corn 2 25, 3-4 bush. beans 1 13, 37 lbs. butter 7 40, 100 do. cheese 10, 1 lantern 75, 6 tin-pails 2 25, 3 trays 75, 1 S. mortar 12, 2 bean-pots 42, 1 padlock 12, 25 yards sheeting 2 25, steelyards 25, 3 wash-tubs 1 25, 1 cheese do. 92, 4 meat bbl. 3, 2 soap do. 2, 1 gal. bottle 25, 1 cider bbl. 2, 2 vinegar kegs 25, 8 gal. vinegar 1 33, 7 butter-tubs 1 75, 1 drip-pan 25, 6 pails 80, 76 lbs. chain 5 44, 1 binding do. 50, 1 iron bar 1 75, 3 ox-sleds 3, 1 new do. 3, joiners' tools 4, 2 manure-forks 1 75, 60 sap-tubs 5, 1 shave 50, 1 square 17, augurs and chisels 50, 1 wood-saw 1, 1 beetle and wedges 50, 1 scythe-sneath 1, 2 hay-forks 75, drag-irons 25, 2 shovels 2, 1 saw-sett 50, 2 ox-yokes 3, 2 hay-rakes 50, 1 do. 50, 6 axes 2 50, 3 hoes 75, 1 leach-tub 50, 2 measures 1, 1 boiler 50, 1 cheese-press 1, groceries 50, 2 churns 3, 3 spinning-wheels 50, 1 keg 25, 11 beds and bedding 82 50, 1 sink 1, 14 towels 1, 13 table-cloths 2, 2 bureaus 2, 4 tables 1 50, 7 stoves and fixtures 42, 2 brass kettles 2, 4 cupboards 5, 2 stands 1, 2 fire-shovels and tongs 1 75, 5 tea-pots 50, 7 bowls 36, 32 plates 1 25, 2 sets cups and saucers 50, 22 knives and forks 1, 1 clock 2 50, 4 candle-sticks 34, 1 nappy 33, 3 looking-glasses 75, 18 chairs 2 50, 4 sett irons 80, 36 tin-pans 5, 10 do. basins 50, 2 platters 75, 2 tea-kettles 1 50, 1 pitcher 10, 4 iron kettles 1 75, 1 dinner-pot 10, 3 iron kettles 2 50, 1 dinner-pot 75, 1 cheese-basket 17, 3 baskets 1 25, cheese-tongs 10, 3 cheese hoops 1 12, 1 tin-pan 50, 4 sives 50, 1 tin-strainer

,10, 8 chambers ,75, 3 pair sheep-shears 1 30, dough board and pin ,50, chopping-knife ,25, 1 vinegar bottle ,08, 2 skimmers ,25, 3 butcher-knives ,45, 2 mops ,67, 4 dust-pans ,40, 3 wash-dishes ,40, 1 ash pan ,50, 1 stone jug ,42, 2 brooms ,50, 1 cream-pot ,50, 1 stone pot ,25, 6 gal. molasses 2 16, 1 keg ,50, 15 lbs. sugar 1 20, old pump-chain ,50, old cart-tyre ,50, 1 1-2 bush. oats ,75, 1 sap-holder 1, spare-rib ,70.

Total amount of property on Town Farm	\$936 51
do. do. as per last report	912 83
Increase of property on farm	\$23 68

Liquor Agency.

Dr.	E. C. Chandler's account as liquor agent,			Cr.
1859.				
Feb 9.	To liquor of the Town,	24 26	167 3-8 galls. alcohol sold,	\$160 00
17.	do as per bill		55 1-4 do H. Gin sold,	88 24
	and freight,	12 78	55 1-2 do A. Gin sold,	39 76
25.	do do	25 53	17 1-2 do Brandy sold,	95 00
March 12.	do do	29 28	6 3-8 do Wine sold,	24 09
17.	do do	10 28	Damage alcohol sold,	15
May 13.	do do	15 63	Bbls. and kegs sold,	7 55
June 7.	do do	31 41	Liquor on hand,	32 36
25.	do do	25 41		
July 2.	do do	16 28		
19.	do do	12 78		
Aug. 12.	do do	44 81		
25.	do do	5 38		
Sept. 10.	do do	10 25		
30.	do do	30 59		
Oct 8.	do do	15 73		
15.	do do	4 51		
Nov. 22.	do do	16 37		
1860. Feb. 7.	do do	14 76		
	1 tunnel,	10		
	1 blank-book,	25		
	1 year's services as agent,	50 00		
	Profits of the Town,	51 36		
		\$447 75		\$447 75

Dr.	G. W. Johnson's account as liquor agent,		Cr.	
1859.				
Feb. 1.	Received of Selectmen,	\$54 05	5 5-8 gal. liquor sold,	5 56
18.	As per bill and freight,	10 65	103 do rum sold,	86 88
March 28.	do do	33 84	29 3-4 do alcohol sold,	30 07
July 2.	do do	25 07	24 3-4 do gin sold,	39 39
20.	do do	15 44	4 5-8 do brandy sold,	28 50
Sept. 15.	do do	23 83	5-8 do wine sold,	1 54
22.	do do	12 00	3 5-16 do whiskey sold,	10 70
Nov. 10.	do do	18 17	2 bottles porter sold,	80
1860. Jan. 4.	do do	7 45	Kegs sold,	3 75
	Services as agent,	40 00	Kegs and fixtures on hand,	6 00
	Profits of the Town,	25 28	Liquor on hand,	42 59
		<u>\$255 78</u>		<u>\$255 78</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. F. BURNHAM,	}	Auditors.
G. W. JOHNSON,		
R. P. CLOUGH,		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL, 1860.

DISTRICT NO. 1. North Enfield.

Teachers—Summer, Miss Ada Blodgett, First Department.—Miss B. M. Stevens, Second Department.

Winter—Mr. Hazen Jackman, First Department. Miss Alice Sulloway, Second Department.

Wages of Teachers, a month, including board—lower Department, \$14, both Summer and Winter; upper Department, Winter term, \$34.

Length of school—Summer, 14 weeks in lower, and about 8 weeks in upper department. Winter, 15 weeks in both departments. Whole number of scholars—Summer, about 40 in each department. Winter, 41 in lower and 51 in upper department. Average attendance—Summer, 29 in lower and unknown in upper department, register not returned. Winter, 30 in small school; in large school 39.

SUMMER TERM.

Miss Blodgett has a high reputation as a teacher. Her school appeared well at its commencement. It came abruptly to a close, on account of sickness in the District, and I had no opportunity of visiting it a second time.

Miss Stevens' school was a decided success. Notwithstanding the extreme youth of the scholars it was a model of order, scholarlike deportment and engagedness. Good improvement was made in Reading, Geography and Mental Arithmetic.

WINTER TERM.

Mr. Jackman has labored assiduously in this school, and his labors are crowned with success. No teacher in town, during the year, has been more critically thorough, and no scholars have made more real progress than have the scholars in this school, during this term. The examination in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Geography, showed scholarship of a high order. In Arithmetic, I believe the instruction has been most excellent, during this term; still, in this branch the school does not compare favorably with some other schools in town. The first and second classes in reading deserve especial notice, for they stand far in advance of the corresponding classes of the other schools in town. They have but one rival in this branch, and that is the school of

the Church Family of Shakers : it is difficult to say to which school the palm belongs.

LOWER DEPARTMENT. During the first three weeks, disorder reigned triumphant, and the teacher seemed utterly powerless before this mighty spirit. I was convinced that her services could not be profitable, and she was, accordingly, discharged.

Miss Sulloway commenced her labors at a great disadvantage: order must be brought out of this chaos, and this was no light task. The feelings of some of the parents were embittered, and this told upon the school: great irregularity of attendance throughout the term has been a serious hindrance to advancement; and two sets of reading books have been used, necessitating two classes throughout where there should have been but one. Notwithstanding all this, Miss Sulloway has succeeded well. At the closing examination her school was orderly and the various classes acquitted themselves creditably.

Great credit is due to Mr. Harris, the Prudential Committee in this district, for his untiring efforts in behalf of the school.

The frequent visits of the inhabitants of the district have also contributed largely, I think, to place the school in the high position which it occupies. I would suggest that it would be an improvement, to hold both terms of the small school during the warmer weather.

DISTRICT NO. 2. Shaker Hill.

The Register has not been returned from this district. They have a very small number of scholars, some 8 or 10 only. I see no reason why this district might not, with propriety, be united with the North Enfield district.

Teachers—Summer term, Miss Morgan; Winter, Miss Imogene Godfrey.

Summer term. This was a very nice, orderly little school, and the scholars learned remarkably well.

Winter term. Nine scholars present at closing examination. The deportment of the larger scholars was pleasing. They have devoted themselves to their studies, and have made good progress. The teacher failed to govern some of her small scholars; they would not mind her; and she could not hear a recitation properly on account of constant interruptions from them.

DISTRICT NO. 3—Jones Hill.

Teachers—Summer, Miss Orissa C. Wilson. Winter, Miss Mary C. Hazeltine. Wages a month, including board, Summer \$8; Winter \$18. Length of school—Summer, 12 weeks; Winter, 8. Whole No. scholars, Summer, 13; Winter, 16. Average, Summer, 11; Winter, 14½.

Summer term. At the close of the term, they passed a pretty good examination. Considerable advancement was made in the

branches pursued. The teacher was too closely confined to the text-books. I approve of scholars learning their lessons just as they stand in the books. It tends to form in them habits of accuracy ; but the teacher should not be under the necessity of looking there to test the accuracy of answers.

Winter term. Miss Hazeltine is an experienced teacher, and did as much, perhaps, as could be done in so short a term. The classes generally acquitted themselves well, and a class in Geography *very* well ; they have now become thoroughly interested in this branch. I would recommend to the people of this district, that they furnish their pleasant school-room with a set of Outline Maps. The school-house, though really one of the best in town, is not properly ventilated. The health of the scholars demands that you attend to this.

DISTRICT NO. 4. East Village.

Teachers—Summer, Miss Mary A. George ; Winter, Miss Sophia E. Smith. Wages a month, including board, Summer, \$16 ; Winter, the same. Length of school—Summer, 11 weeks ; Winter, 12 weeks. Whole No. scholars—Summer, 18, Winter 19. Average attendance—Summer 16, Winter 15.

Summer term. Miss George is an experienced and most excellent teacher : very good improvement was made during this term. I was particularly pleased with the correct pronunciation, and distinct articulation of the pupils while reading or reciting. Although the seats are very uncomfortable and the scholars, mostly, quite young, yet quietness reigned, and the scholars deported themselves as they should, in all respects.

Winter term. Considerable improvement was made during this term, but not so much as might have been made, had good order been sustained. At the commencement, the school seemed all right in this respect, but at the closing examination I was sorry to observe a great change for the worse. The scholars were restless and very noisy ; loud study and loud whispering were tolerated ; and of course there was no earnestness of study nor enthusiasm in recitations.

The very general interest which is manifested throughout this district, in the welfare of the school, is worthy of especial commendation ; as is the pains taken by the parents, to insure the regular attendance at school of their scholars.

A third term is now in progress, under the instruction of Miss Ruth L. Chesley. It is to continue six weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 5. Moses S. Choate's.

Teachers—Summer, Miss H. Augusta Choate : Winter, Mr. Calvin Martin. Wages per month, including board, Summer, \$11 ; Winter, \$22. Length of school—Summer, 9 weeks ;

Winter, 10 and half a weeks. Whole No. scholars—Summer, 15; Winter, 19. Average attendance—Summer, 11; Winter, 16.

Summer term. This school promised well at the commencement of this term, but at the closing examination, it fell far short of my expectations. This was owing in a great measure, I presume, to the very irregular attendance. Another hindrance was the multiplicity of text-books. It is very difficult to infuse life into a school, where each scholar recites alone. Their reading was faulty in the extreme. Some improvement was made in Arithmetic and Geography, but no thoroughness was manifest in these branches. A fault here, as in some other schools, is an indistinct, mumbling way of speaking during recitation.

Winter term. This was an unprofitable school: certain influences, in the district, outside of the school itself, were detrimental. When A. & B. meddle with the management of the school, C. & D., who are at variance with them, are sure to be displeased; and will manifest that displeasure through their scholars, in the school. To succeed, under such circumstances, a teacher should exhibit a manly independence; he should have a *way of his own*; and act up to it at all hazards, without fear or hope of favor. His scholars should respect *him*, and obey him; and this respect he should *compel* if necessary. Had Mr. Martin taken a more decided course, had he insisted that *his* will be the supreme law of the school, I presume he might have succeeded. Twice was I cited to expel one of the pupils from this school for disobedience. As in duty bound, I attended to these calls at once. The first time the difficulty was adjusted without my aid, the teacher requesting me to desist, as all cause of complaint was removed. Not long after, however, another petition came to me, signed by the teacher and some of the inhabitants of the district, requesting that I “forthwith” expel the scholar above alluded to, for insubordination. I set a time when I would visit the school and go into an investigation of the difficulty; I also sent a request to the petitioning parties, and the father of the disobedient boy, that they would be present at that time, that all might be done fairly and impartially. I went at the time appointed, and found an empty school-room. The teacher, under a plea of sickness, had dismissed his school a few hours before, and gone home. So you perceive, I went twice on what I have sometimes heard called, “Tom Fool’s errand;” and thus ended this interesting term. An interesting *event* in the history of this district also transpired during the term; the burning of the venerable school-house, and with it many of the books. These latter must be replaced, and the teacher took it upon himself to introduce a new set of reading books, very good books in themselves,

but different from those used generally throughout the town, and recommended to be used by the proper authority. Perhaps he was not aware that he was assuming a responsibility that did not legally belong to him.

DISTRICT NO. 6. Charles Bucklin's.

One term in the year. Teacher—James K. Floyd. Wages of teacher, including board, \$15 per month. Length of school 14 weeks. No. of scholars 11. Average attendance 9.

The order in this school was sufficiently good; but in every other respect the closing examination was unsatisfactory. No improvement was made, during the term, in any of the branches pursued. However, they learned, as children always will; there is no such thing as keeping them in statu quo: they learned careless, indifferent, indolent habits. At its commencement the school promised well, but a spirit of indolence must very soon have taken possession of it.

DISTRICT NO. 7. Roswell Gage's.

Teacher, both Summer and Winter, Miss H. A. Fowler. Wages a month, including board, \$13. Length of school—Summer, 10 weeks; Winter, 17½ weeks. Whole No. scholars—Summer, 13; Winter, 13. Average, 11.

The services of Miss Fowler in this school were profitable.—During the last term the improvement was marked. The final examination was satisfactory, in all the branches pursued; some of the scholars manifested a good deal of enthusiasm. Credit is due the inhabitants of this district for their earnest cooperation with the teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 8. Samuel Choate's.

There is no school-house fit to occupy in this district. A term, the first in the year, was commenced late in the Winter in Mr. Choate's house; it is now in progress, under the instruction of Miss Sophia J. C. Choate, who is a good teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 9. Cambridgeville.

Teachers—Summer, Miss Thankful H. Gage; Winter, Mr. Samuel Williams. Length of school—Summer 12 weeks. Winter, 10 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board—Summer, not stated in the Register. Winter, \$22 per month. No. of scholars—Summer, 30. Winter, 37. Average attendance—Summer, 23. Winter, 36.

Summer term. I visited this school but once during this term, for the reason that I did not receive notice of the time of closing until late in the afternoon of the very day on which it closed. I would say, however, that the term promised well at its commencement.

Winter term. Mr. Williams is an experienced and thorough teacher. He maintains excellent order, although the school-room is crowded, inconvenient and uncomfortable. While examining the various classes, I was especially pleased with those in Mental Arithmetic. A large class of quite young scholars have thoroughly mastered nearly the whole of Colburn's. They stand first among the classes in town, in this branch. A class of large scholars in Adams' Arithmetic passed a poor examination. This is inexcusable, taken in connexion with the facts that they are not *young* scholars, and that most of them have pretended to do but little aside from this branch. No blame, I think, is attached to the teacher, in this matter. I believe he has done his part faithfully. You may lead a horse to the water, but if he is not thirsty, he will not drink.

The reading in this school is not good. The first class read badly, with the exception of three or four young ladies. The classes in Grammar and Geography passed a creditable examination. I would respectfully suggest that something should be done to better your school-house.

DISTRICT NO. 10. George Hill.

Teachers—Summer, Miss Ann McDaniels. Winter, Mr. Mather. Wages a month, including board—Summer, \$14. Winter, \$28. Length of school—Summer, 10 weeks. Winter, 10 weeks. Whole No. of scholars—Summer 23. Winter, not stated in Register. Average attendance, Summer, 18. Winter, 25.

Summer term. As a whole, this term was a profitable one ; in reading they improved considerably ; still, in this branch they do not compare favorably with many other schools in town. In Grammar a part of the first class sustained a good examination, and a part failed essentially. A class of small girls in Town's small Grammar acquitted themselves admirably. The classes in Geography passed a good examination. No great improvement was made in Arithmetic. More attention should be paid to Mental Arithmetic in this school.

Winter term. Some improvement was made during this term in the various branches pursued but not so much as might, and should have been made. Pretty good progress was made in Arithmetic, but in the other branches they did not sustain a good examination. At my first visit, the school was very noisy, but as the term progressed, the fault was corrected ; and at the closing the order was good. The school-room is too small, much too low posted, cold, inconvenient and uncomfortable; the seats are of the worst conceivable pattern ; the space in front of the seats is much too small. To expect a really efficient school in such a house is unreasonable

DISTRICT NO. 11. Centre Village.

Teachers—Summer, Miss Louisa A. Camp. Fall, Miss Jennie Jones. Winter, Miss H. A. Smith. Wages a month, including board, Summer, \$10. Winter, \$18. Length of school—Summer, 10 weeks. Winter, 11 weeks. Whole No. of scholars—Summer, 39. Winter, 23. Average attendance—Summer, 35. Winter, 19. Fall register not returned.

Summer term. This term was a failure ; no order was established, and no improvement made, worthy of notice. Then why did you not expel the teacher and put a stop to this waste of money ? some one asks. Simply because I was satisfied that the evil was too deeply rooted to be remedied by such a course. A dozen trials might not have resulted any better. Many teachers of acknowledged excellence, who have been engaged in this school heretofore, have failed essentially as did Miss Camp. Now, where lies the fault ? I have been somewhat acquainted with this district for several years, and, if I am not mistaken, an opinion prevails here, that there is no necessity for subjecting scholars to any very rigid discipline, especially *our own*. “If such and such scholars do not do right, why, punish them ; but my children behave pretty well, don’t they ?” And finally it is not thought right to be very severe any way. The people of this district are rather inclined to talk to their teachers in this way, I think, and it has an influence. Now, it is your privilege and duty to look after the interests of your school, but do not, I beseech of you, interfere with its management so much as to destroy its efficiency. Hire a good, experienced teacher and trust to her, for she will know what is needed better than you can ; or at least, visit your school and see for yourselves, before you give advice.

Fall term. But little progress was made during this term. The teacher failed to secure any thing like good order. I am thoroughly convinced that, to succeed in this district, a teacher must have a decided way of her own, and carry it out resolutely. “Words and grass” have been tried long enough, in this school, to its ruin almost ; and I now think it time to “try what virtue there is in stones.”

Winter term. Miss Smith is an able and experienced teacher. She is possessed of a decided and resolute spirit, which renders her peculiarly adapted to this school. She was systematic in her labors in the school-room and succeeded in maintaining good order. Good improvement was made in the various branches pursued. Let this school have such teachers as Miss Smith, and it will soon take a high rank among the school in town.

DISTRICT NO. 12. L. Woodbury's.

Teacher, both Summer and Winter, Miss R. L. Chesley.—Wages per month, including board, Summer, \$10; Winter, \$12. Length of school—Summer, 11 weeks; Winter, 13 weeks.—Whole No. of scholars, Summer, 27; Winter, 27. Average attendance, Summer; 25, Winter, 25.

When Miss Chesley commenced her labors, the school was in great disorder. She soon reduced it to order, and maintained it throughout both terms. For which she deserves great praise, for it was no light task. She also found most of the school in a backward condition in their studies. Under her instruction they made some improvement in the various branches pursued. The classes in Geography passed a very good examination.

Teachers sometimes fail of any great success on account of not encouraging or even allowing independence of thought on the part of their pupils; they assist them too much, they prompt them too much during recitation.

DISTRICT NO. 13. Church Family.

Teachers—Summer, Mary M. Irish; Winter, Sylvester Russell. Wages not stated in Registers. Length of school—Summer, 16 weeks; Winter, 14 weeks. Whole No. scholars—Summer, 24; Winter, 23. Average attendance—Summer, 23; Winter, 25.

Summer term. The teacher of this school is admirably fitted for the management of her youthful charge; she is intelligent, gentle and lady-like. The school-room is well supplied with apparatus, commodious and scrupulously neat. The scholars are studious, cheerful, unconstrained and perfectly decorous. The closing examination was gratifying in all respects. The younger are particularly brilliant.

Winter term. This was, par excellence, the best school in town. At the closing examination all classes came quite up to the mark. In this school critical attention has been paid to the elementary parts of the English language and to punctuation, which can hardly be said of other schools in town.

DISTRICT NO. 14. Eben W. Gove's.

Teacher, both Summer and Winter, Miss M. E. Whitmore.—Wages per month, including board, Summer, \$10; Winter, \$11. Length of school, Summer, 11 weeks; Winter, 13 weeks. Whole No. of scholars, Summer, 10; Winter 14. Average attendance—Summer, 9; Winter 12.

This was a most excellent school, during both terms. The teacher was earnestly engaged in her work, and brought to her assistance a ready tact for engaging the attention of her pupils, and awakening in them a lively interest in the pursuit of their

studies. Order, neatness and an air of pleasing cheerfulness pervaded the school. I should say, that the scholars made great improvement, not only intellectually, but morally.

Perhaps I need not say to the people of this district, you need a new school-house, for I presume you are all aware of this fact.

DISTRICT NO. 15. Fox Hollow.

Teachers—Summerr, Miss Addie J. Pierce ; Winter, Mr. Lucius A. Buswell. Wages of teachers a month, including board—Summer, \$14 ; Winter, \$15. Length of School—Summer, 8 weeks ; Winter, 13 weeks. Whole No. of scholars—Summer 12 ; Winter, 22. Average attendance—Summer 9 ; Winter, 17.

The Summer term—was commenced by a teacher, Miss Hodge, who soon proved herself utterly incompetent for the position, and was accordingly discharged. Under Miss Pierce's instruction the school made commendable progress. The closing examination was satisfactory, although by no means brilliant. This school occupies a much lower position than it should among the schools of the town. You have one of the best and pleasantest of school-houses, and material for one of the best schools.

Winter term. This school was characterized by good order and an earnest, working spirit on the part of both teacher and pupils ; and the fruit of this spirit was manifest in a good closing examination. I would say to this school, keep on in this spirit, and a brilliant future is before you.

DISTRICT NO. 16. Benj. Choate's.

Teachers—Summer, Miss Sophia J. C. Choate ; Winter, Miss Stevens. Wages, not reported in Register. Length of school—Summer, 9 weeks, Whole No. of Scholars, Summer 9. Average, 8.

Summer term. The teacher, although a beginner, engaged heartily in her work, consequently her scholars were engaged, and made good improvement. I was particularly pleased with the classes in Mental Arithmetic. The reading was not good, but rapid and indistinct. An evil in this school is the multiplicity of text-books. The repairs on the school-house have improved it greatly ; but I would respectfully suggest that a coat of light-colored paint, on the wood-work, and white-wash on those old smoke-begrimmed walls, would still add, materially, to its comfort.

Winter term. I was well pleased with Miss Stevens' method of teaching when I visited this term at its commencement. She is evidently an experienced and accomplished teacher. The school is now interrupted by the sickness of the teacher. I understand she is to complete the term as soon as her health will admit of it.

DISTRICT NO. 17. Fishmarket.

Teachers—Summer, Miss Mary C. Colby ; Winter, M. Henry Shepard. Wages a month, including board—Summer, \$3 ; Winter, \$18. Length of school—Summer, 9 weeks ; Winter, 11½. Whole No. of scholars—Summer, 17 ; Winter, 21. Average attendance—Summer, 10 ; Winter, 16.

Summer term. The attendance during this term was very irregular, varying from 5 to 20. This materially injured the efficiency of the school. The school-house is very miserable indeed, in its location and every other respect ; the seats could hardly be more uncomfortable, and, during the hot weather, the mosquitoes are a constant torment, swarming in millions as they do, from the morass, in which the house is located. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that the school was not very quiet and orderly ; still, in many respects it was successful. A class of very small scholars learned well. The classes in Arithmetic, both Mental and Written, made good progress. A class in Grammar passed a fair examination. The classes in Reading and Geography did not acquit themselves well.

Winter term. This was a successful term in every respect ; the teacher was earnestly engaged in his work and succeeded in getting his scholars thoroughly interested. They passed a good examination in all the branches pursued. The attendance was more regular during this term.

DISTRICT NO. 18. Barker Family.

Teachers—Summer, Jessie McMillan ; Winter, Samuel L. Elkins. Wages of teacher per month, including board—Summer, \$12 ; Winter, \$30. Length of school—Summer, 15 weeks ; Winter, 13 weeks. Whole No. of scholars,—Summer, 13 ; Winter, 16. Average attendance—Summer, 13 ; Winter, 12.

This school possesses superior advantages in many respects ; they have an excellent house, and are well supplied with apparatus. The Summer term was characterized by order and decorum. Some improvement was made.

Winter term. Good improvement was made during the term ; particularly in reading, in the younger classes. There are no better readers in town, considering their ages, than the younger scholars in this school. The classes in Grammar and Geography passed a good examination. In Arithmetic no great brilliancy of scholarship was displayed.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

DISTRICTS. I remain of the opinion, that we have too many districts. I trust the number will be reduced somewhat the coming year.

SCHOOL-HOUSES AND APPARATUS. We have in town at the present time, seven good school-houses; viz. in districts No. 1, 3, 11, 12, 13, 15, and 18. Two are supplied with apparatus — Nos. 13 and 18, and three others, Nos. 1, 11, and 12, have each a set of Outline Maps. So all the talk about school-houses and apparatus has not been entirely without effect. If we have faith we may yet remove our remaining mountain of old, worthless school-houses. And some of us may live to see all our schools supplied with a Globe, a set of Outline Maps, a Map of our own State and a Dictionary.

TEXT-BOOKS. What we want is, not new books, for those we already have are good enough; but we want a uniformity; so that our schools can be better classed. We recommend Town and Holbrook's Readers and Spellers; not because they are better than others, but because they are already more numerous in our schools, and are, intrinsically, good books. We recommend Colton & Fitch's Geographies, Tower's Grammars, Adams' and Colburn's Arithmetics, and Worcester's Outlines of History. This latter branch is sadly, I don't know but I should say, shamefully neglected. In the thirty-seven different terms of school which have been held in town during the last year, not a single scholar has studied History.

TEACHERS. Many of our teachers hardly come up to the requirements of the law in their literary attainments. What shall the Superintending Committee do? I think I can say, with truth, that one half the teachers, who have presented themselves for examination before me, have failed in Geography. Reject so large a number, and we should hardly be able to supply our schools, certainly at the wages we pay. Still, many of our teachers are most excellent scholars; and others are, no doubt, very good in the higher branches of learning, but are deficient in those elementary branches pursued in our district schools.

B. F. SKINNER, COMMITTEE.

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